

Choose - To - Reuse
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Choose to Re-Use in Grand Rapids on Sept. 11

If you haven't experienced "Choose to Re-Use" yet this year, it's your last chance in the Town of Grand Rapids as we host our third and final event for 2010 at the Town Garage.

We had a great turnout at our July Choose to Re-Use, with more than 100 people dropping off and/or taking home items. People brought furniture, fishing poles, bikes, lawnmowers, chairs, tables, clothes, and more.

The final 2010 Grand Rapids Choose to Re-Use is set for Saturday, September 11. It takes place at the Grand Rapids' Town Garage, 2811 Two Mile Ave. from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. It's open to all community members, regardless of which municipality you live in.

Choose to Re-Use is an event where town residents bring items in good working condition that they want to discard, but that perhaps someone else can use (e.g. outdoor furniture, small working appliances, lawn care items, household goods, bicycles, seasonal decoration, office equipment, books, CDs/DVDs, clothes, etc.). You may take any item that you can use. There is no charge to take an item and you don't have to bring items in order to take something away.

Items that have fees associated (e.g. refrigerators, tires, microwaves, etc.) must be signed for and will be charged if no one chooses that item by the end of the day. There is free disposal of car batteries, oil, washers and dryers, and other large metal items. Please do not bring in paint and chemicals, as we are not equipped to handle this.

Another thing to be aware of is that beginning September 1, 2010, devices covered under 2009 Act 50, Wisconsin's electronics recycling law, including computers, televisions, desktop printers, computer peripherals, DVD players, digital video recorders, VCRs, fax machines and phones with video displays (cell phones) are banned from Wisconsin landfills and incinerators. For more information, see the E-Cycle Wisconsin information on the DNR Web site.

The objective of Choose to Re-Use is simple: reduce the amount of solid waste that fills our landfills and help someone in the process. The Towns of Rome and Grant are also holding Choose to Re-Use events for their residents the same weekend. Come and join the fun, clean up your homes, and gain other "treasures" free of charge.

Contact Town of Grand Rapids Supervisor Bill Clendenning at 715/423-2469 for more information, or if you would like to help with the event.

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